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ABSTRACT

When displaying display items representing a set of content items including items protected by a number of different digital rights management systems on the display of a content access system, the set of display items representing the content items includes icons associated at least with the display items for each protected content item. The icons indicate whether a respective content item is protected by a digital rights management system and, if so, which digital rights management system is employed to protect the respective content item, whether an executable digital rights management module for accessing the respective protected content item is accessible to the user, and whether the user is entitled to access the respective protected content item. The icons also serve as user controls either for accessing information regarding acquisition of, or initiating actual acquisition of, the digital rights management module, access rights, or both.